

In the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

At page 1, between lines 1 and 2 thereof, please insert the following new section heading and paragraph:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120, and is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/446,397, filed on June 22, 2000 (now abandoned), which was a 35 U.S.C. §371 national phase application of PCT/US98/10356, filed May 20, 1998, the entire contents of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

On a separate, new page 42, please add the following new section heading and paragraph containing an Abstract of the Disclosure:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Compositions comprising lycopene suspended or dispersed in a medium chain triglyceride are described. The medium chain triglyceride may be derived from the esterification of a medium chain fatty acid and glycerol.--